Sad Occurrence at Chester, Pa, Some Killed and Others Wounded.

CHESTER, PA., Pob. 17 .- About eight o'clock this

## THE PERUVIAN CO.

THE LOST LETTERS NOT FOUND.

Correspondence from the State Department-Name of Persons to Whom Shiphard Wrote-No Record of Any Replies-Mexico

and Contemain.

To response to a resolution which was recently adopted by the House, on motion of Representa-tive Belmont, of New York, the President Friday transmitted to the House of Representatives a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanied by a mass of documents, concerning the cor-respondence in regard to the Peruvian company. The full text of the Secretary's letter is as fol-

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 17, 1882.

The Secretary of State, to whom was referred the resolutions of the House of Representatives of the 6th instant, requesting the President, in further compliance with the resolution of the House of the 9th ultimo, to turnish this House with a complete transcript of the letters of Jacob R. Shipherd, esq., of New York, dated June 2. August 19. September 18, and Invember 15, 1881, and of the replies thereto now in the files of the Department of State, also copies of any latters already communicated from which manes of persons and firms have been omitted, and that the President be requested to inform this House what measures have been taken to recover the letters declared to be missing from the files of the Department, has the honor to report to the President as follows:

First—That complete transcripts of the letters referred to in the resolution by names and dates, and of other letters, already communicated, from which the inames of persons and firms have been omitted, are herewith returned, together with a list of the same.

Second—That the only reply on file in this Department to the said letters of Jacob R. Shipherd is dated December 17, 1881, and is herewith returned,
Third—That measures taken to recover the let-

is dated December 17, 1581, and is berewith returned.

Third—That measures taken to recover the letters declared to be missing from the files of the
Department were a careful search in the files and
archives of the Department and a request for
similar searches made to all persons connected or
formerly connected with the Department, into
whose possession said letters might have come in
the course of business. It is believed that it all
cases when such requests were made searches
were made, which proved to be fruitless. The
search in the Department, as has already been reported, was equally fruitless. Respectfully submitted.

FREPK T. FRELINGHUYSEN.

In a letter from Mr. Shipherd to Minister Hurlbut,
dated New York, June 2, 1881, Mr. Shipherd says:

dated New York, June 2, 1881, Mr. Shiphord says: \*Among the representative gentlemen with whom I have already, or shall soon be in confidential negotiations in the premises, I may name such as these: E. D. Mongan, William E. Dodge, Hugh McCuiloch, Norvin Green, W. R. Garrison, A. Belmont, S. B. Chittenden, John Hay, Amason Stone, William H. Vanderbilt, John Sherman, Eugone Hale, Morat Halstead, Whitelaw Reid, Fisk & Hatch, Samuel Bio n. Marshall Jewoll, H. L. Dawes, S. D. Babcock, John A. Stewart, Jay Cooke, Evarta, Southmayd & Choate; U. S. Grant, A. A. Low, J. H. Wade, H. B. Payne, Hornes White, David Dows & Co., Joseph Medill, H. B. Hyde, A. S. Hewitt, W. L. Scott, J. D. Cameron, Howard Crosby, Hobson, Hurtado & Co., Sydney Dillon, Morton, Riles & Co., H. B. Chaffin, A. S. Barnes, Henry Hillon, J. & W. Seitgman & Co., William W. Astor, Horaco T. Caswell." dential negotiations in the premises, I may name

Caswell."
Representative Belmon's resolution, in reponse to which the correspondence was sent to
the House Friday, was offered in the House for the
purpose of disclosing the names of the parties supposed to be interested in the Peruvian Company,
which had been withheld by the State Department
when the correspondence was sent to the Senate
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Under date of New York, October 19, 1881, Mr. Shipherd writes to Secretary Blaine, and says: "I have to-day addressed to you copies of letters to the Peruvian Minister and the Hon. Marcial Martinez, the originals of which have been transmitted to the Hon. George S. Boutwell, coinsel of the company at Washington, to deliver to the respective addresses."

Under date of New York, October 27, 1881, Mr. Shipherd writes to Minister Hurbout: "\* " For your own satisfaction I may say that our staff counsel, including such representative and various men as Governor Boutwell, Senator Eaton, Senator Conkling, Collector Robertson, ex-Congressman Lord, and Senagor Blair are absolutely agreed on this as on every other point material to the pending issues, and the most radical suggestion of policy as yet surgested have the hearty sutograph approval of General Grant, who I anow one of m. The significance of all this you need no sid from use to estimate. It occursts me to quote your recent correspondence. The moment we heard here of the Gerese of September 23 I wrote to Senator Blair, the intermediary between the Secretary and myself when I am away from Washington, The bearing of all these great interests Chill sees as clearly as I. If there is no Peruvian government there is no government to admit our rights, and so to establish them. The continuance of Calderon for the time being is vital, you see, to all we have at stake, and such interests asours should easily decide Secretary Balteria from that he heave at stake, and such interests asours should be stablished to establish them. The continuance of Calderon for the time being is vital, you see, to all we have at stake, and such interests asours should be a sering of all these great interests Chill sees as clearly as I. If there is no Peruvian government the serious problems of the continuance of Calderon for the time being is vital, you see, to all we have at stake easily decide Secretary Blaine if aside from that be hesitates. In yours of September 12 you said you had received no such dispatches as Secretary Blaine assured me had been sent. The next time I was at the Department the Secretary placed in my hands all the dispatches he had sent you, and I read for myself. The phrising is his own, but the effect is exactly what I described. If Calderon is wise he will make Mr. Tracy, the present counsel here, his Minister Plentpotentiary to co-operate with Mr. Blaine and myself here as you are working with him in I ama, and no other commissioners are needed. Mr. Tracy is ideal in his Peruvian loyalty—son of an American father at Lima and a Peruvian mother—is thoroughly and exceptionally intelligent, and commands and descress the highest respect. He is honest and honorable as few men are. \* "When we first bought this tille we saw three markets for it, and of these three Chill was not the jost promising. Of the merits of the original quarrel we know nothing and care nothing. Peru is the under dog, and our sympathies ile with her. There are strong reasons why we should prefer to deal with her. Otherwise we should not make her the first offer. But certainly we have not bought this great interest to lay if at the feet of Peru to use or refuse as she may chose. We have rights as well as she. And we have abundant alternatives if Peru wishes, to challenge us to use them. Of these the Chillan is only one, and is only suggested to make elear the reneral fact that we have at least one alternative. Insect not dwell on this point. Mr. Calderon can follow it out for himself. If Mr. Calderon wishes speed he can have it. We are rightly ready whenever he is ready. The moment he cables me the proper assurance he will find me responding like an eetho. My telegraphic address (cable) is facket, N. Y. It might be better still for you to cable Mr. Blaine in cipher."

Under date I ima, Peru, November 2, 1881, Minister Hurthut writes to Secretary Blaine:

"Sin: " " I was surprised by receiving its ti

matter of this contract, of which I never knew the particulars, was concluded long, before I arrived at Limu. In fact, as I am informed, before I was appointed to this place.

Under date of New York, November 15, 1881, Mr. Shipherd writes to Minister Huribut:

"Sin: Senator Blatt writes me Huribut telegraphs that the Chillians have captured Calderon and carried him to Chill. The Senator adds that there may be trouble now. Have General Grant do his duty. American influence in America is at an end if Chilli can slap our faces as flaily as this. We have heard also by cable of bientero's neceptance. We appreciate the gravity of the new issues and the new problem which you must now face. The letters I inclose with this were already written when Senator Bisir's electer came to hand, and I will not now change them. The beed for a protectorate is but increased by all that has happened, and I doubt not Chill will continue to force the issue. Our people hope she will, What we want is our Government to the fore and all winds that blow fill our saits. I regited to the Senator, 'I totally agree with you as to Chill; sine must unconditionally return Calderon and to executive liberty, or we must all take partners for the dance. I trust Mr. Blaine will plant his fing and his guisright there, and he will, wonther I shall consult General Grant to day, and he and I may go to Washington on Thursday. We shall do what hes in our power to second all the vigor you have used on the main issue."

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Shipherd wrote to Minister Huribut: "If I were a liberty to give names I might give that of a member of the Cabinet authorized to speak directly for the President, whose suggestion is that Mr. Calderon accredit a speak along the say three or the ablest men to come at once to Washington to present to the President, for transmission to Congress, a formal application for a protectorate. The sentiment of our people seems to be unanimous on such points as this The only ground on which an application would receive any favor, and therefore the only ground on which the petition should by its own term rest is that there are now in Feru very large American inter as a demanding and being clearly entitles.

to which I may add we may possibly give bonds for finure use."

Under date of New York, November 16, 1881, Mr. Shipherd writes to Minister Huribut:

"Sin: I enclose with this, apropes of a suggestion heretofore made, a copy of Judge Lord's brief on the precedents for a direct treaty between the government of Peru and the Government of the United States, to cover essential rights and interests of this country, and as a foundation on which both Peru and this country may safely ground the proposed agreement between themselves. Governor Boutwell concurs in Judge Lord's views. Senator Eaton also substantially concurs. Under date Lima, Peru, November 23, 1881, Minister Huribut writes to Secretary Blaine:

"Sin: " " 1 also send with this a long letter from Mr. Jacob R. Shipherd. I call attention to the part marked with lines. I have written to him decilning further correspondence except through the Department, and have also written a letter. In explanation to the Hott-George S. Boutwell, said by Shipherd to be his attorney."

Under date of New York, November 25, 1884, Mr. o which I may add we may possibly give bonds SATURDAY'S CHIPS

PICKED UP THE DAY BEFORE.

News from the Committee Rooms and the House of Congress-Messures Prepared, Discussed, and Acted Upon by the Legislative Solons.

There is complaint among the chairmen of com

The usual contest in Congress to scoure the pass

age of bills for the erection of public buildings in various parts of the country has begun, and com-binations are being formed. Hon. D. C. Smith, of the Bloomington (III.) dis-

Hon. D. C. Smith, of the Bloomington (III.) district, has prepared and will introduce in the House on Monday next a bill providing for extending the United States. Light-House Service, to include the Illinois River.

Mr. Jennings, of Boston, has filed with the Garfield auditing committee, through an autorney, a bill for 50,000 for the construction of his cool-air apparatus in the Executive Mansion during the Illness of President Garfield.

The House Committee on Civil-Service Reform will meet to-day, when they expect to perfect a

cicerge S. Boutwell, said by Shipherd to be his attorney."

Under date of New York, November 26, 1861.4 Mr. Shipherd writes to Minister Huribut: "As soon as your letter came I sent a letter to Secretary Baine through Semeter Blair. I was again in Washington last week, and had a full talk with the Fresident at General Grant's suggestion and on his introduction. My chief point was that the Excentive might avoid a discussion of the abstract question of intervention by substituting the not debatable question whether it is not bound to take such charge of the situation as issuccessary to the pratection of American property interests in Feru. Mr. Cilley was with me. We have practically united interests, and we two stood at the interview for \$1,500,000,000 of American property. While property reticent, the President was evidently impressed with the suggestion, and Senator Blair, General Grant, Governor Boutwell, and others who have his hear will follow it up."

The last enclosure is Mr. Huribut's letter to Mr. Shipherd, under date I have Dern December 12. will meet to-day, when they expect to perfect a bill to transfer to the Court of Claims all claims for private relief which have heretofore been brought before Congress in the form of private bills. During the debate in the House yesterday to restore Capain William Little to the army an amerior Boutwell, and others who have his hear will follow it up."

The last enclosure is Mr. Huribut's letter to Mr. Shipherd, under date Lims, Peru, December 17, 1881, in which he says:

"Shi I have tried, as far as I could, to make you understand that I cannot have, and ought not to have, anitything to do with your company or yourself as itagent. Both my general and particular instructions forbid my taking notice of such matters unless referred to me by the Department of State. Once more and for the last time I repeat this statement. I shall return your papers to the Secretary of State, as I have done the others, and definitely close all correspondence with you unless directed by the Department.

STEPHEN A. HURLBUT.

Mexica-Guntemals Boundary Question.

The President, in response to a resolution of the Senate, sent to that body resterday copies of the voluminous diplomatic correspondence econcerning the difficulties process. davit [was sent to the clork's desk and read rela-live to the charge made against him of associating with common women. During the reading many ladies left the gallery.

The House Committee on Commerce yesterday

The House Committee on Commerce yesterday authorised Representative Richardson, of New York, to report to the House, with a favorable recommendation, the bill introduced by him to credit the surphus of the duties levied by the several. Sintes for the execution of their inspection laws to the parties paying the same.

The House Committee on Post-Offices and Post-Roads had under consideration yesterday the

postal savings bank bill, which had been printed and recommitted to the committee. After some trivial verbal amendments the bill was adopted, and Representative Lacey was instructed to re-port it to the House with a recommendation for its reasons. The joint congressional committee in charge of

the matter of defraying the expenses of the illness of the late President Garfield is making leaste very slawly. They are now waiting the pleasure of Drs. Harwitton and Agnew, who have been re-quested to forward their bills for services ren-dered. When those bills are received the com-mittee will go shead and make their report to on of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. In his

Among the documents sent to the Senate yester-day were dispatches from Earl Granville to the

letter of January 7 the British Secretary declares

The Virginia Legislature

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS.

-The appointment of Vice-Admiral Jaures to the

Car Works at Cartersville exploded, killing instanti

ransfer of the Ill territory to China, which it is ex-

remaining of the in territory to Carina, which is a ga-celed will be effected on the 23d instant.

—The reports of starvation in Southern Illinois are really exaggerated. The shortage of crops caused y last summer's drought has resulted in much dis-ress, but no actual starvation is timulinent.

—The Governor of Illinois has received informa-

on that in the sombern part of Hilbert wemen and illdren are dying from starvation. The reports, al-lough not credited, will be thoroughly investigated.

G. P. Bundy, dry-goods merchant, of Albion, Mich.

\$20,000. Foster & Gifford, grocers, of the same plac de an assignment. Their liabilities and

our of some disorderly bouses in the lower part of New York city Thursday night, was robbed of all his money, about 550, and his wards. He communicated his loss to the police.

—A vein of pure cannot coal five feet thick has been discovered in Red Rock Township. Marion County, thirty miles from Des Mottes. A vein of six feet of common bituminous coal has also been found sixty feet below the cannot.

-C. S. Cone, jr., general ticket agent of the Ohio and beinsippi. Railroad, was accidentally killed issinsippi Rallroad, was accidentally killed near orth Vernon on that read yesterday. It seems that a put his head out of the window as the train went a bridge, and that it strack the funter of the bridge

-Last Sunday a land-slide occurred at Coffee's

as made an assignment, with Habilities amou

whom have since died.

Goss, \$15,000.

At the meeting of the House Committee on For eign Affairs yesterday Chairman Williams ap-pointed a subcommittee to take into consideration

letter of January 7 the British Secretary declares Mr. Blaine's whole argument novel in international law. He denies that there is any analogy between the relations of Great British to the Suez Canal and those which the United States desire to maintain toward the Darien Canal, and in this connection discusses English movements and positions in the East. He devices that the development on the Pacific coast has so far exceeded the reasonable expectations of this country as to justify a demand for a change in the treaty. He alludes to England's interests in the North and South Pacific as giving her a claim to a share of the control of the lathmus, and suggests a conference with other powers, that they too may share auch control. In the letter of January 14 Granville discusses the circumstances attending the negotiation of the obnoxious treaty, and the debates upon it afterward, in an endeavor to controver Mr. Baine's position that it has been always deemed ambiguous. It is an exhaustive presentation of the British view of law and facts. pointed a subcommittee to take into consideration the various propositions which are now pending, and those which may hereafter be introduced, in regard to the construction of an interoceanic canal. The subcommittee is composed of the following members: Mr. Kesson (chairman), Mr. Williams, Mr. Rice, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Wilson. A memorial, numerously signed by merchants of San Francisco, asking that steps be taken for the release of Mr. McSweeney, of that city (an American citizen), now confined in an English jall, has been received by the California delegation in Congress and forwarded by them to the Secretary of State with their added request that the subject be given early investigation and attention.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 17.—The senate chamber was crowded to-day, all available space being occu-Mr. Bayard, from the Committee on Private Land Claims, reported yesterday to the Senate, with amendments, the bill to provide for ascerpled by visitors attracted thither in anticipation with amondments, the bill to provide for ascertaining and settling private Innd claims in cortain States and Territories. This is the measure introduced in the last Congress creating a court of land commissioners to make the examinations, with right of appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. He urged the importance of definite action upon it as an early day.

Mr. Harmer presented resolutions of citizens of Philadelphia in regard to the treatment of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lows to Russia and also resolutions do not set the court of the lower of the l

Jews in Russia, and also resolutions adopted at a Jews in Russia, and also resolutions adopted at a meeting of the preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia and vicinity, declaring polygamy to be a violation of the laws of the United States, a high crime against society, and in antagonism to Christian civileation, and recommending such action by Congress as shall place the Territories where polygamy is recognized and fostered in the hands of the Government, not for injustic or oppression, but to insure just and humans government for all people.

Representative Smith, of Illinois, reported to the House Committee on Banking and Currency ves-

House Committee on Banking and Currency yes-terday a substitute for the two bills which had terday a substitute for the two bills which had been referred to that committee providing for the retirement of the trade-dollars. The substitute was adopted by the committee, and Representative Smith was instructed to report the same to the House with a favorable recommendation. The bill authorizes the Secretary of the Transury to receive at the several mints the trade and to give in exchange standard silver coviars. The trade-dollars shall be considered as ballion, and the bill repeals the law authorizing the collage of trade-dollars. It is estimated that there are about \$0.00,000 trade-dollars in the country.

The House Committee on Freeken Affairs ves.

erday heard arguments on the question of the proposed abrogation of the Hawatian treaty. Mr. parrell, of Louisiana, who introduced the bill for hat purpose, made an argument in favor of the bill, contending that not only was the effect of the bill, contending that not only was the effect of the treaty the loss by the Treasury of \$2,500,000 from the admission of Hawaltan sugars free of duty, but that in violation of the treaty sugars grown in China, Cuba, and India were introduced as Hawalian sugars, and that much of the sugar so introduced was of bigber grade than was contemplated and authorized by the treaty. Mr. J. Hale Synber also spoke in favor of the bill. The hearing will be continued on Monday.

Mr. Platt, chairman of the Committee on Patents, vasted with the continued on the Committee on Patents, vasted with the continued on the Scaute a bill to

le-vote will be decided in favor or the Readjust-rs. In that case the only other means the Demo-rate could use to obstruct legislation in the mat-er would be to refrain from voting and leave the enate without a quorum. Both parties will hold caucus to-night.

Another Readjuster caucus was held to-night. Another Readjuster canous was held to-night. They had a harmonious session and discussed the apportionment of officers in the various districts and the action of officials in regard to the canous rule touching the appointing of subclerks. A petion signed by some of the leading business men of Richmond was circulated to-day, which calls on the somators of the Richmond district to use their influence to break the dead-lock over the election of auditor of public accounts. The memorialists say the obstruction to legislation in having a bad effect on business and can result in no good to the Democratic party. Mr. Platt, chairman of the Committee on Patents, yesterday introduced in the Senate a bill to regulate practice in patent suits, providing that in a suit against a person who has purchased a patented article in good faith for his own use the plaintiff shall not recover costs if the sum recovered by him does not amount to \$20 or more. It also requires that in a suit against a party who is not the manufacturer or seller of a patented article, but is merely using the same, the plaintiff shall deposit \$50 at the commencement of his action, as security to defendant for costs and expenses. If the defendant prevails the court is to allow him his costs and a reasonable counsel fee, not exceeding \$50, from the sum deposited with the cierk.

The House Committee on the Judiciary yesterday directed a favorable report to be made to the House on Representative Byan's bill, making provisions for bolding a term of the District Court of -Vienna, Austria, is threatened with a total failure rita water supply. —Schwarz & Voight's large planing-mill, at Fort

loward. Wisconsin, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Ionre on Representative Byan's bill, making pro-isions for holding a term of the District Court of the United States at Wichita, Kan., each year on he first Monday of September, for the trial of pecified cases. The committee decided to adopt he adverse report of the subcommittee on Repre-entative Hout's bill, proposing further regula-ion of the duties and compensation of the assist-cut atterney-general for the Post-Office Depart-ment, and directed that the report be made to the House. Some unther discussion gross in the com-nities in regard to the Valentine bill, proposing in additional Representative from Nebraska, but to conclusion was reached. ench ambassadorship at St. Petersburg is officially nounced in Paris. announced in Paris.

-The Milliary Academy at Chester, Pa., which was burned by five yesterday morning, was insured for \$55,000. The building cost \$125,000.

-Ex-Associate Judge William B. Leas, of Pennsylunia, died suddenly in a passenger train at Mount Juion, Pa., yesterday. He was seventy years old.

—The cocking main at Hamburg, Georgia, between corgia and North Carolina, closed last evening, the rmer winning fourteen out of twenty-four fights, The Schale Committee on Territories yesterday heard a delegation from the Five Nations (or civheard a delegation from the Five Nations (or civilized tribes) of the Indian Territory in opposition to Sensitor Vest's bill for the establishment of a United States Court in the Indian Territory and other purposes. Colonel W. A. Phillips, special agent of the Five Nations, was the principal speaker. The other delegates present were exchier Ross and Mr. Wolfs, of the Cherokles: Messrs. Porter and Coachman, of the Creeks; Overton and Boyd, of the Chickasaws, and Brown, of the Seminoies. They all said they had no objections to the establishment of some sort of criminal court in the Territory, but opposed the pending bill because of its tendency to break up the tribal relations by providing that no person who is not a United States citizen shall serve on the Juries, and that if an Judian becomes a citizen he shall not lose his rights to the community land and money as a member of his tribe. The delegates said the desire of their people is that the acquisition of citizenship shall not furfest any tribal rights. The committee invited form to place their sugestions in the form of a bill and they promised to give their views due consideration before taking any final action. —Ice has begun to move down the Hudson River. It gorged up below Albany and threw the immense volume of water back on the city, causing much dam--The receiver of the Machanics' National Bank of Newark, N. J., announces that he is prepared to pay a second dividend of 20 per cent, making 45 per cent. In less than four months.

—Al seven a. m. yesterday the boiler of the Georgia ive negroes and injuring a number of others, two of —The Standard says it is believed that Mr. Mo-Larthy will, at silater period of the session, frame a notion on the subject of home rule, which will em-size the demands of the Irish. -Farty bedies have been recovered from the col-sery at Trindon Grange, Purham, England, where he explosion occurred Thursday, It is feared that orty men still remaining in the pit are deal. -The Russian commissioners have gone to confer

The Virginia Militia in Arms.

Nonrolk, Va., Feb. 17.—Governor Cameron yearday issued a proclamation instructing Major H. Carter, commander of the First Battalion of C. Carter, commander of the First Battalion of Volunteer Artillery, to proceed to the waters of the Cheencake and give such assistance to the sheriff of Matthews County as may be required in the service of processes for felony against such persons as are found engaged in the unlawful taking of oysters in Virginia waters. At a late hour to night the only intelligence received of Governor Cameron's military expedition against the depredatory oyster feet in the waters of the Rappahannock River is the report of Captain Bloodsworth, of the Baltimore freight steamer Gaston, which came down Chesapease Bay today. The Gaston passed the mouth of the Rappahannock at twelve o'clock, at which time Governor tameron's steamer Louisa had six syster schooners in tow, and at some distance up the twee was a steamer supposed to be her consort, the Victoria J. Peed, No other oysterness were in sight and as the two steamers effectually blockaded the river it is presumed that the test of the Reet had been driven up the river, where they will no doubt be captured. There were no indications at that time of a fight having taken place.

Election Fraud in Philadelphia Election Franci in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—John E. Prettyman, Samuel Abraham, and Matthew fluchley, charged with perpetrating an election fraud in the Fifth Ward at the February election, 1880, were this morning called upon to plead before Judge Verkes to the bill of indictment. An application was made, however, to have the indictment quashed on the ground that the bill had not been brought within the two years prescribed by the act of Assembly. Argument will be had in the matter at surif date. A FIREWORKS EXPLOSION.

CHESTER, PA. Fob. 17.—About eight o'clook this morning a five occurred in the old stone house witch was at one time occupied by Commodere Porter's ancestors, but is now used by Professor Jackson as a manufactory for his fiveworks. A large crowd of citizens had gathered near the scene, as is usual in this city, to watch the progress of the fire. The colored people and their effects were removed from the old mansion, and the fireoen, after being assured that there was no powder n the place, it is asserted, prepared to flood the touse, if possible. Some of the firemen, in order o get a better range on the spreading, get upon a small frame shed in the rear. After about an half small frame shed in the rear. After about an half hour of constant playing a terrific explosion occurred. Bodies of men were thrown several feet high. The air was filled with rubbish, the ground thereabouts being covered with victims, some killed, some seriously injured, and others half have been easily for the rear was filled with rubbish, the ground thereabouts being covered with victims, some killed, some seriously injured, and others half have been was seenly full throughout the city. The scene was seenly full throughout the city. The scene was one of intense exettement and distrem. Dead bodies of men lay coiled on the ground, others labored in the agonies of death, a number writhing in their blood, moaned and ground pitted with the playing and ground playing their blood, moaned and ground of the silied: John Lampingh, Thomas There were between twenty and thirty lujured and thirtsen killed. John Lampingh, Thomas Donaldson, Thomas Anderson, Alexander Phillips, John Pollock, James Kestner, Goving Paylor, James T. Donalty, Perry Williams, Antony Barber, William Wood, David Daices, and Peter Viscati, William B. Pranklin, William Cowen, and a boy named Parks have since did from their Injuries. Coroler A. J. Quinhy, of Medea, summonted a jury and head a anumber of witnesses as to the cause of the explosion, The first witness was Professor Jackson, the proprietor, who thought that the explosion must have originated from the gas from the stove, as there was no powder in the room. After hearing other witnesses the jury adjourned until to-marrow. The hadies of the dead were removed to the late homes of the victims, and the funcals will take place on Suminy and Monday. As all of these killed were in needy circumstances, a meeting of citiens was held in the alternoon and evening, and \$1,882.34 was raised. our of constant playing a terrific explosion oc-

Walsh's Scheme.

New Your, Feb. 17.—In the Supreme Court
John W. Walsh brought an action to recover from
General Thomas J. Brady \$42,374, money claimed
to have been loaned. He o≱tained attachments
against any property of Erady's which might be
under the control of Hatch & Foote's bankinghouse, the Metropolitan Telegraph and Telephone
Commany, and others. The undertaking on the

and that he was authorized in her behalf to say that toward the slayer of her husband she cherishes no malice; he must answer only to his God and the American people. For the sister and all the members of his family she feels only profound pity. Further than this she asks to be left alone with her sorrow and to be spared being dragged into useless and torturing publicity. Mrs. Garneld will not answer the letter.

The Cabinet Meeting.

All the members of the Cabinet were present at the meeting yesterday, including Attorney-Gen-eral Brewster, who returned from Philadelphia Thurshay evening. The Fitz-John Porter case

## CAPITAL JOTTINGS.

GENERAL MINERALAM, postmaster at Mobile, is registered at the Nationa! UNITED STATES MARSHAL S. H. RUSSELL, OF Texas, is at the Ebblit House. THE national bank notes received for redemption yesterday amounted to \$25,000.

MR. EDWARD ROSEWATER, managing editor of the Smaha Dutty Bee, is registered at the National

LIBUTETANT WILLIAM P. BANDALL and Gunne William Chancy have been placed on the retired list of the navy. Junes: Buxton, of North Carolina, who had been

GENERAL JOHN ADAIR McDowell, of Chi-COLONIUL J. P. DALY, of Providence, R. L. who has

or Florida, where he goes for the benefit of his PRESIDENT ARTHUR addressed a politic note of ac-

Ur to the close of business yesterday the Tressury Department had redeemed United States bonds as follows: Under the one hundred and fifth call, \$15,123,300, and under the one hundred and aftin call, ATTORNEY-GENERAL BREWSTER yesterday tele-

ATTORNEY-GINERAL BRILWSTER yesterday tele-graphed to Santa Fe. New Mexico, that the Presi-dent after midelight last night, had ordered the re-spite for thirty days of Edward M. Kelly, who was sentenced to be hanged yesterday. Hos. Martin F. Conway, a member of the Thirently settled in this city, died at the Government Hospital for the Imane on Wednesday, in the fifty third year of his age.

HON, JAMES M. BEARDSLEY and Captain T. J. Robinson, prominent citizens and business men of Rock Island, Ill., are registered at the Echtit. These gen-tlemen are here to work for an appropriation for con-structing the proposed Hennepin and Rock Island

THE National Board of Health received reesterday showing that during the week ending Feb-oury II there were 2 deaths from smallpox in New-yrieans, I death in Holyoke, Mass., I cases in Cam-en, N. J., 2 cases and 1 death in Lake, III., and 2 eaths in Dallas, Texas.

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The Treasury Department has been informed by
the Spanish Minister at Washington through the
state Department, as a matter of importance to
American navigators, that a floating light has been
stablished on the southern coast of the Island of
Juba, called "Inerrado de Diego Peres."

Among the callers at the White House resterday Adving the caters at the white House periorday rer Senators Logan, Ferry, and Hill, of Colorado, spresentalives O Neill, Van Horn, Converse, Mc-inley, Hammond, Habsell, Richardson of South rollina, Aldrich, Robinson of Ohlo, Morey, Butter orth, Vafentine, Paul, Bay, Dawes, Hutchins, and

THE dinner to the Galveston delegation and others The dinner to the Galveston delegation and others at Welskey's on Wednesday evening was given by Leon Blum, esq. of Galveston, though credited through an inadvertence of our reporter to another gentleman. The splended floral ship, which formed the centre-piece at the feast, was not sent by the President, as stated, but was by the banqueters sent to the President,

SECRETARY KIRK WOOD gesterday heard an argument in ceregition to the present secretion of the president.

SECRETARY KIEK WOOD yesterday heard an argument in opposition to the proposed sale of several thousand acres of swamp land in the vicinity of Toledo, Ohio. Several parties claim to have liceated homesteads upon this land, which is also claimed as State land by the State of Ohio. The decision in the case will be rendered on Monday.

PIRET COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY LAW-

MENCE, rendered an opinion that United State mar-shals, in serving any process, are entitled to mile age for the distance actually and necessarily traveled by m from the place where the process is issued to t office of the nearest commissioner, before whom the person served is taken for examination. GENERAL SHERMAN, accompanied by General Poe and Colonel Morrow, of his staff, will lower this city

n the ist of March next for a tour of inspection of he Departments of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, tating all the principal posts on the frontier of those rates. A visit will also be paid to the Yosemite Valites. A visit will also be pain to the Tourish and San Francisco. The trip will occupy eight or GENERAL LOUIS WASNER, ex-recorder of deeds of Philadelphia, accompanied by Mrs. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph B. Cope, of Germantown, is a guest at the National Hotel. General Wagner, who is past

the National Tokes, Goneral Wagner, who is past commander-in-chief of the G. A. I., and it as member of the Girard Cullege board of Trustees, will have his weather-eye upon any legislation which shall affect either that organization or institution. THE President yesterday signed the commissions of

PERSONAL MENTION.

What Society Was Doing Last Night-Large Party of Representative and Mrs Walker at Wormley's-Who Received During the Day.

SEVERAL BRILLIANT RECEPTIONS.

The Friday receptions of this week were many of them brilliant and thronged, being the last formal receptions of that day for the season.

Mrs. Ricketts, who will receive informally during Lent, was assisted by Miss Farwell, of Chicago: the Misses Eatch, guests of Senator and Mrs. Blair; Miss Drum, and Miss Sturges, Her parlors were full until a late hour. She wore a rich black satin dress with jet trimmings. Among the many callers were former and Miss Sherman. the many callers were General and Miss Sherman, General McCook of Colorado, General Anson G. McCook, Senator and Mrs. Blair, and numerous wives of Senators and Representatives, netable among the latter being Mrs. Keffer, accompanied by Miss White. General Keffer commanded a brigade in General Ricketts' division during the war, and since coming into Congress has usu-ally taken his Sanday dinner with his old com-mander. Mrs. Hicketts received many congratumander. Mrs. Hicketts received many congratu-lations on the success of the Charity Ball of the evening before. Mrs. and Miss Kilbourn received a large number of callers at the Portland. Madame Outrey at the French legation had a beautiful and very full reception; also Mrs. Carroll and many

and Mrs. Walker was equal in elegance to their first of a week ago, and attracted a large and brilliant attendance. The esprit de corps of Mr. and Mrs. Walker in extending their bospitality to the entire Congress, in connection with personal friends in other high Departments of Government, is very highly prized by its recipients. Many according to the contraction with personal fields in other high Departments of Government, is very highly prized by its recipients. Many according to the contraction of t qualutances there begun will be the basis of genial and inestimable friendships, and the op-pertunity of forming them under such pleasant auspices is the result of great tact, kindly feeling, and large ability. The rooms at the disposal of these generous entertainers could not have been equaled at any private house for size and general adaptability to the purpose required of them. The long saloon parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, in addition company, and others. The undertaking on the attachments was signed by the Pischilty and Casualisty Company in the sum of \$4,000. A reference was had when it was discovered that Brady had no attachable property under the jurisdiction of the Sunneme Court of this circuit. To day Judge Douchue granted a motion allowing the action to be discontinued and canceling of the record of the signed undertaking in order to permit the plaining to withdraw from the Fidelity and Casualiy Company in the sundertaking.

Mrs. Garfield's Wish.

CLEVELAND, Ohro, Feb. 17.—J. H. Rhodes, secretary of the Garfield monument committee, and a near friend of Mrs. Garfield, said to an Associated broad and that he was authorized in her behalf to say that Mrs. Garfield read, said to an Associated broad and that he was authorized in her behalf to say that Mrs. Garfield read, said to an Associated broad and that he was authorized in her behalf to say that Mrs. Garfield read, said to an Associated broad and that he was authorized in her behalf to say that Mrs. Garfield read, between which candellers of glass throughout were and the further and the further contribution to the plainting and fine engravitys lining the walls. The chandellers of glass throughout were and at the further on the further and the further the further and the further of the science. The enter-piece represented a royal salmon taste on the part of the eight and captain Nowlan, Major Bell, and Captain Nowlan, Major Bell, and Captain Nowlan, Major Bell, and the further conflict and the further conflict and the further conflict and the further day, the further conflict and the further of their last further conflict and the further conflict and the further of their last further conflict and the further conflict and the further conflict and the further conflict and the further day the further conflict and the further conflicts and the further conflicts and the further conflicts and t pheasants, and game pale. The confections were of the finest; cakes, fees, fresh and preserved fruits, and, as before, besides ten and coffee there was nothing stronger than lemonade, in accordance with the expressed wish of the hostess to Mr.

Wormley,
The receiving group were Mr. and Mrs. Walker,
The receiving group were Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Weightman Walker, their son, Mr. Hunt of Massachusetts, Mr. Biggs of Williamsport, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. A. Leo Knott of Baltimore, Mrs. Thurlow and Mrs. Arrison of Philadelphia, Miss Minnie Smith of Williamsport, Mrs. Scranton, wife of Representative Scranton, and Miss Hammond of New York Mrs. Weights wore an invested dress of Thurshay evening. The Fitz-John Forter case was seain under consideration with a view of his possible reinstatement in the army, but no conclusion was reached. It is stated that the only legal way to afford the desired redress in this case is for the President to pardon General Poter, thus removing his present disqualifications from holding office in the service of the United States, and then restoring him to dis former place in the army by nomination to the Senate.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Leo Knott of Baltimore, Mrs. Thurlow and Mrs. Arrison of Philadelphia, Miss Minnie Smith of Williams-delphia, Miss Minnie Smith of Representative seranton, wife of Representative seranton, and Miss Hammond of New York. Mrs. Walker wore an imported dress of quisite pele bile satin, with front of white satin by nomination to the Senate. tequisite pale blue satin, with front of white satin embroidered in pearls; her bouquet was of Jacqueminot buds; Mrs. Semoton, a very handsome tollet of black; Mrs. Schnott, a graceful and very charming lady, claret velvet with fine laces; Miss Smith, pearl-gray silk, with hands of rich embrodery and bink facings; Mrs. Acrison, pale pink broende, with white broended sath train, a lovely and very effective toller; Mrs. Thurlow white satin with expansive pearl and crystal trimming; her bouquet, lilies of the valley; and Miss Hammond were a handsome white bro-

> A few names of guests present were General and Miss Sherman A. R. Spofford, Librarian of was much admired. Captain and Mrs. Waterman, Congress, and wife; Hon. John W. Douglass, ex-Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the Daisey and Birdle Douglass; Mr. John W. Hogg.
> Chief Clerk of the Navy Department; wife, an estimable lady, who has acquired considered to the Company of the C Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with Misses iams and Mr. Jacobs, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Hawley, with her sister, Miss Foote, Major and Mrs. Butterworth, Senator and home proved a very pleasant aff Mrs. Teller, Schator Groome, Schator and Mrs. Hill, of Colorado; Hon. Ames Townsend,

ator Jones, of Fiorida, General Rufus Hatch, Mrs. Ames, of St. Louis, who came with Mrs. Cocnerille, wife of the Senator; Mrs. Dr. N. S. Lincoln, with her friend, Miss Scach. of New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Alongo Bell, Hon, and Mrs. W. A. J. Sparks, and Mr. R. C. Fox. Noticeably conspicuous among the elegant toll-ets of those present was that of Mrs. Senator Aldrich, who wore a ruby brocaded silk, and car-ried in her hand a lovely bouquet of white rosebuds brought from Senator and Mrs. Hill's dinner party. Mrs. Cockerill wore a white silk trimmed with mull and lace; Mrs. Williams was dressed in claret brocade; Mrs. Dr. Lincoln very handsomnly in pale blue satin; Mrs. Jones of New Jersey, Mrs. Mason of New York, Miss Foote, and many others were exquisitely attired. The reception was enlivened with music and dancing, and

many lingered late to enjoy it.

The mention in the morning papers yesterday, of the Charity Ball on Thursday evening, being of necessity prepared in haste, contained several er-rors, of which more than her share fell to Wisconsin. The friends of Mrs. Cameron, who knew of her ac-Wisconsin Senator who was present. Repre-sentative Hamilton, who was obliged that night to go to New York on business, is now too promment from his chairmanship of the important Committee on Pacific Railroads for his harming wife to be accredited to Minnesota, bile the dignity of a Benedict conferred upon Captain Truell, without leave or license, is a coursy which has subjected him to congratulations

A notable society event of to-day will be a tea given by Mrs. Crapo, of Massachusetts, at her residence, 10 Lafayette Equare, in honor of Miss Longfellow. The early days of next week are crowded with prospective pleasures.

The Friday evening germans have been, during this season, the social events exciting most inter est, and the fact that yesterday evening was the ast one before stern Lent shall interpose and stop all festivities for the next forty days seemed to add new sest. It was probably owing to this fact that the dancers lingered longingly over the soft strains of Strause' voluptious music and were loth to leave the entrancing dance. What more fit place for an exchange of tender speeches or sweet confidences can be found than a ball-room? The very crowd makes it a safe place. The music, the intoxicating perfume of the flowers, and the constant changing panorama of brilliant colors and flashing jewels is a poem in itself, and eminently suggestive of poetic im-pulses. The hall was decorated in the usual beautiful yet subdued faste with natural flowers, than which no handsomer decoration can be conceived. Hanging baskets of rich and rare natural flowers. yielded their delicious fragrance to the air, min-gling with the heavier odors of white rose and heliotrope. Palms, smilax, and ferns were scattered round the room, while a mass of tropical plauts were artistically grouped at the entrance. There was a slight innovation in the receiving last night. It has been the custom here-tofore for the bostess to stand near the northern and of the hall, and for the little ante-room at the left of the landing to be left open. On this ocea sion Mrs. Pendleton stood just near the main door-way, while the auto-room was kept locked and a William B. Wilmer, to be maval efficier of ensume for the district of Baltimore: Thomas R. Johnson, to be collector of customs for the district of Ractimore in the district of the collector of customs for the district of Charleston, S. U.; William L. King, to be surveyor for the port of Greenport, district of Sag Harbor, N. Y.; John Campbell, to be surveyor for the port of Omaha, Meb.; Sithery T. Taylor, to be chief engineer of the Revenue Marine of the United States.

Way, while the auto-room was kept locked and a large cards placed in front of it. Another plant is truly in that she have corresponded with it on the other side of the truly in that she including and considerably enhanced the beauty of the scene. Mrs. Senator Pendleton received the ghosts in her usual stately and distinguished manner. Lieutenant Macomb, united the Revenue Marine of the United States.

examid over six feet, high, were claborate flore and sliken decorations. The tollers were perfectl lovely, and were embellished by some handsom and rare jewels. The company included the modistinguished in Washington society, and amon others were noticed Senator Hale and wife, Sena for Groome and wife, Senator, Mrs., and the Misso or crooms and wire, senates, mr., and the Masse Condicton, Senator I, Illiof Colorado, the Secretary of War and Mrs. Lincoln, the Secretary of the Navy, Mrs. and Miss Hunl, ex-Secretary and Mrs. Blaine, Mr. Jay of New York, Mrs. Ricketta Senor Don Camacho, the Venezuelan Minister Senor Barca, Spanish Minister; Senora Barca and Senorita Barca, Mr. de Bille, Danish Ministor, and Madame de Bille, Count Lippe-Weissonfeld, Austriau Minister; Mr. de Bildt, Senor Martinez Chillan Minister; Miss West, Mr. Victor Drum moust, Attorney-General Brewster, Mrs. and Miss Brewster, Mrs. and the Misses Killbourn, Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft Davis, Mr. and Mrs John Davis, Mr. Miller of New Jersey Justice Miller, Mr. Sevellon Miss Barnes, Miss Lena Porter, Mr. Mrs. Doyle, Dr. McGrewder, Hon, and Mrs. Scuylet Miss Stouten of Germantown, Pas, Mr. Seaton Mon-roe, Mr. Kennedy, Miss Waite, General Emory and Miss Sallie Emory, Captain and Mrs. Hartley, Major Twining, U. S. A., Lieutenant Babcock, Miss Cameron of Wisconsin, Miss Katie Ray, Mrs. Drum and daughter, Miss Engene Myers, and many others too nuncrous to mention.

nany others too numerous to mention. A surprise party on anagon met at the residence of the Misses Kennedy last night, Nigth and it streets northwest. It was a complete surprise to the young ladies, and a very pleasant affair. The hall was beautifully decorated, the party being under the management of Miss Mary McCarthy Among those present on marque were Miss Hay, "Night;" Miss Humphreys, pensant gir; Miss Deckman, queen; Miss McGarthy, "Goddeas of Liberty;" Miss Baxier, school-girl; Miss Johnson, Bob from Lutta; Miss Serivner, "Evening Star;" Miss Weaver, "Folly;" Miss "Martha Washington;" Miss Summers, ing;" Miss Stewart, snow-flake; Miss Elliwatheries; Miss McElyafu, pensant; Miss Kirk, "Old Virginia;" Miss Kirk, nurse; Mr. Helm, "Our Senator;" Mr. Stewart, clown; Mr. Rutter, Turkish pasha; Mr. Dwyer, domino; Mr. Morris dandy; Mr. Hunter, "Dan Jones;" Mr. Sharp

llown, Major James M. Beil, captain Seventh Cavalry with Mrs. Bell and her sister, arrived at the Eightt House Tuesday evening from New York, and in-tend to remain here at least two weeks. Major Bell is one of the original efficers of the famous old Seventh Cavairy, of whom only nine now sur-vive. Of this number Colonels Besteen and Sheri-dan, Capiain Nowlan, Major Bell, and Capiain

dering more attractive the appearance of the delicious viands. These, in addition to hot terrapin, cysters, and fine satiads of several kinds, included boned-turkey, English
pheasants, and game pale. The confections were
of the finest; cakes, fees, fresh and preserved
fruits, and, as before, besides to and coffee there.

Miss Molile Downing, assisted by Misses MeNative and Messes vegeted to read a paper, sent regrets, as he was not well enough to be present.

Miss Molile Downing, assisted by Misses MeNative and Messes vegeted to read to present. Nalley and Morgan, received her friends on Tues-day evening on the occasion of her birthday, at her residence, corner Twelfth and D streets southcast. The entertainment was a most enjoyable affair. After the reception merrymaking was the order of the evening until half-past eleven, when the party retired to the supper-room, and after partaking of a bountful collation the festivities were reaumed and continued until the "small wee-hours." Miss Downing was the recipient of sev-

oral very handsome presents, which will serve as a memeato of this very pleasant ovent. That gifted artist, Miss Caroline L. Ransom, is in the city on route to her home in Cleveland, Ohio She has been engaged in New York for several months past painting a portrait of the late Hon. John A. Dix for the Treasury. This work is rapidly approaching completion, and will be a fitting companion to the fine picture of Hop. Alexander Mantillan. Hamilton by the same artist, which now adorn he walls of that Department. Miss Ransom will satin train, a lovely and very effective toilet; Mrs.
Thurlow, white satin, with exquisite pearl and crystal trimming; her bouquet, lilies of the valley:
and Mrs. Respond were a bridgers white her.

Mrs. Governor Pound, who has just returned from New York, is looking charating. Her ex-quisite toilet worn to the reception yesterday was much admired. Captain and Mrs. Waterman,

city.
Congressman II, L. Morey is accompanied by his

Mrs. Isidore Lord's second Tuesday eventue "a home" proved a very pleasant affair. The fair bostess recited a number of selections in her inend, imitable style. She and Mr. Leach rendered the Hon. and Mrs. Phinoas Jones, Hon. and Mrs. tent scene from "Julius Cresar" with good effect Joseph Mason, of New York; Hon. John D. White Other well-known literary people contributes PRINTEGY ARTHUR addressed a politic note of acknowledgement to the Galveston delegation who sent
him the olegant floral ship from their banquet at
Welcker's a few evenings ago.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL RUSSELL, of Texas,
arrived here last evening from San Antonio, and will
be at his old quarters at the Foblit about a week. He

Shaw, Hon. John A. Kasson, Hon. Martin
Magninis, Senator and Mrs. Harrison, Senator Jones, of Florida, General Rufus

Cantain Truell, Mr. W. E. Golfardy Mears, Leach
Cantain Truel Mrs. Purdy, Rev. Mr. Croisont, Colonel Smith, Captain Truell, Mr. W. E. Golladay, Messrs, Leach of North Carolina, Mr. Compton, Mrs. Allison, and others. Mrs. Lord purposes devoting every Tues-day evening to the entertainment of her friends. Miss Eliza S. Depue, daughter of Judge Depue, of New Jersey, is visiting her relatives, Representative Harrisand wife, of New Jersey, at Willard's. Secretary off State Frelingbuysen and Mrs. Fre linghuysen gave a very elaborate dinner last nigh to President Arthur and twenty-two other invited guests. The siens was most claborate, and com-prised all the delicacies of the season served in the most irreproachable manner. The table pre-sented a most beautiful appearance with its glit tering glass and silverware and rare exotics. Mrs. Fassett receives on Saturday at her real dence and studio, 1418 N street. Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas, of Chicago, are visiting Mrs. Famett,

## A BIG BLAZE.

The Town of Haverbill Almost Entirely Destroyed by Fire.

BOSTON, Feb. 17.-Reports from Haverhill state ciusion from this season's gayeties, on account of that the fire started is the business pertion of the mourning, do not need to be told that it was Miss town and spread with great rapidity, the Cameron, of Pennsylvania, and not the wife of the buildings being mostly of wood, and ignitthat the fire started in the business portion of the town and spread with great rapidity, the ing very quickly. The small fire department was unable to cope with the flames, which soon got beyond their control, and assistance was immediately telegraphed for to Law rence, Newburyport, Lowell, and other towns adjacent. The town at this hour (1:29 a. m.) seems to be ablaze, and the business per-tion will undoubtedly be destroyed. Engines have arrived from Lawrence and are on the way from soveral other cities, which have been called upon for help. The fire covers the online tract from the railroad station to Little River and between Essex and Wingste streets and the river, flames are still raging, and the pr for gaining control over the fire are, at this hour very unfavorable. No direct reports from the scene of the conflagration can be obtained. The fire can be seen from Boston, Lawrence, Andover, and other places from twenty to thirty miles from Haverhill. The first direct report from Haverhill says: "The First National Bank, the Five-Cent Savings Bank, and all of the lower part of Washington street have been burned, and there is no knowing, where the fire will skep. The operator at the depot says the fire is getting tucomfortably close, and he is afroid that he will be forced to desert his post. The fire, he says, covers at least ten acres, pretty thickly built upon. The Smith block, Finney block, the Titon block, the Chino block, the Could building on Wingae street. The loss will be several millions. The fire started in Endicott & Arnold's sole-leather establishment. The alarm was first given at 11:50 o'clock, when the fire bad gained auch headway that the local department could do nothing to stay the progress of the flames. At 2:25 a, m. the fire can be distinctly seen from Boston and is evidently still burning fercely. At half-past two a sudden burst of flame was noted, indicating an explosion. and other places from twenty to thirty miles fro.

The Treaty with Guatemala. Two Mexican mails brought by the New York and the New Orleans steamers having reached this city yesterday, Mr. Zamacona was again questioned as to whether he had received any news about the treaty with Gustenishs lately spoken of. He said that his correspondence contained nothing on the subject. Referring to the fact that the re-

## THE SOCIAL WHIRL.

A ROUND OF BALLS AND RECEPTIONS

Various Attractive Entertaluments Last Night-Hop at Willard's-The Bank Clerks' Ball at Masonic Temple-Other Pleasant Gatherings.

The usual Friday evening hep at Willard a last vening was one of the most brilliant of the series out has extended during the season. The gatherng comprised many of the people prominent in official and social circles. The members of the Senate and House were largely represented, and the toilet were noticeably clegants. The only drawback to the pleasure of the occasion was the reflection that this was the last of the delightful social evens that will always be cherished as pleasant memories of the past winter. Among those present were: Hen, and Mrs. Joseph E. McDonald, Hon. J. Randolph Tucker, of Virginia; Hon. and Mrs. J. F. Berended, of Virginia; Hon. J. R. Berended, of Virginia; Hon. Persondorf, of Virginia; Hon. J. B. Clark, Jr., and Miss Clark, Colonel and Mrs. J. K. Rickey, of St. Louis: General Longstreet, Hon. J. E. Thomas and wife, of Illinois; Hop. Lewis Beech, wife and daughther, of New York; Hon. F. E. Shoeber, Colonel and Mrs. M. M. Parker and Mrs. Mollie Barker, or New York, Mr. and Mrs. Georges. Grant. Parker, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Grant, of Chicago; Commander and Mrs. Kellogg, U.S.N.; Mr. and Mrs. Jeseph T. Hongh, Miss Hough, and Mrs. and Mrs. Jeseph T. Hongh, Miss Hough, and Mrs. Jeseph T. Start, Mrs. Lillie Oyster, Hon and Mrs. Jeseph M. Bayne, of Pennsylvania; Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Pitasku 2; Mr. Richard Trumbull and Senor Hurst, of the Chillan legation; Hon. R. Pacheco, wife and daughtyrs, of California; Hon. and Mrs. C. E. Hooker, of Mississippi; Mr. Stilson Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Cooke and Miss Bahcock, of Saratoga; Hon. W. E. Robinson, of New York; Senator and Mrs. Groome, of Maryland; Senator Voorhees, of Indiana; Colonel Thomas Ochiltree, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Colyer, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. G. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. I, Kimball, jr., and Mrs. Helen Kimball, Mrs. and Mrs. I, Kimball, jr., and Mrs. Helen Kimball, Miss arker, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. George R. Grant, Mrs. I, Kimball, jr., and Miss Helen Kimball, Miss Gertle Darrow, Miss Foley and Miss Ames, of Sara-toga; Colonel and Mrs. George W. Hocker, of Vertoga: Colonel and Mrs. George W. Hooker, of Vermont: Han. Thomas Murphy, of New York: Mr. George W. Adams, Mr. John Gilsey, of New York: Mr. George W. Adams, Mr. John Gilsey, of New York: Hon. and Mrs. Jay A. Hubbell, of Michigan, and Miss Russell, of Milwankee: Mr. and Mrs. Hamel Carrigan, Miss Carrigan and Miss Florence Carrigan, Hon. William H. Halch, wife and daughter, of Missouri; General and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Hayden and daughters, of St. Louis; Lientenant W. W. Reisinger, U. S. N.; Hon. W. C. Whitthorne and daughter, Hon. E. C. Phinter, of Kentucky; Hon. and Mrs. R. P. Flower, of New York: Judge William A. Sackett, of Saratoga; General Hazen, Mrs. Fernando Jones, of Chicago; Mr. Lafatte, Mr. Jrank W. Millar, Hon. and Mrs. J. G. Thompson, of Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Fas-J. G. Thompson, of Ohjo, Mr. and Mrs. Fas-sett, Mrs. Dr. E. A. Adams and Miss Birdie Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Bartram Zevoly, Hon. and Mrs. Henry S. Harris of New Jersey, Dr. Charles N. Bronson, Hon. and Mrs. Butterworth of Oblo, Hon. and Mrs. George C. Gorham, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark, Mr. W. W. Rapley, Major E. V. Pros-ton of Hartford Mrs. W. F. Clark, Mr. W. W. Rapley, Major E. V. Proston of Hariford, Miss Depue, Mr. Charles Parker, Mr. Len. Bradley, Hon. and Mrs. C. H. Joyce of Vermont, General Van Vliet, Hon. and Mrs. W. A. J. Sparks, of Illinois; Hon. and Mrs. Ferris Jacobs, jr., of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Cluss and daughters, Miss Edia Rickets, Mr. W. B. Green, Miss Alciander and Miss Draper, of St. Louis; Hon. and Mrs. O. R. Singleton, of Mississippi; Mr. Robert Bruce, of Chicago; Mr. Charles Reed, of Chicago; Miss Valentine, Miss Leech, Mr. A. S. McCoy, Mr. Main, Miss Carrio Nalra, Mr. A. B. Hall, Mr. Eugeno Carusi, Hons. Albert Daggatt and Lewis Beach, of New York, and others.

One of the pleasantest receptions held yesterday was at the residence of Mrs. W. T. Carrell, 1501 Q street northwest. This senson it has of late become fushionable for ladies receiving to vary the pleasures of the afternoon by allowing their guests to indulge in a waltz or two while they remain. A band of music is engaged, which keeps up a con-stant strain of lively airs, and affords those de-voted lovers of the dance a chance to trend a measure. Between the hours of four and halfpast seven the parious were througed by every-body most preminent to society circles—the bright and balmy day outside adding a fresh charm to the bright young faces and enhancing their beauty. The hosters received her guests in her usual graceful manner, admirably assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Brown, Among those who either called or left cards were the Secretary of the Navy, Mrs. and Miss Hunt, Mrs. Broadhend, Miss Ross, Dr. and Mrs. Presley Rixley, General Beverly Robertse Mrs. John Lee Davis and Miss Davis, Mr. Preston of the Haytien Legation: Mrs. Marcellus Hailey, Miss Levy, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Lee, Capath Warren C. Heach, Miss Folger, General Ayres and wife, Miss de Kraft, Dr. J. H. Hall, U. F. N.; Mr. and Mrs. J. Hubbey Ashto Mr. William H. Hunt, Jr., Mr. Engene Hale, Mrs. Engene Hale and Mrs. S. Van Renselner Thayer, Miss Gerirude Upshur, General and Mrs. R. C. Drum, Mrs. Irwin Fair, Miss Drum, Ad-jutant Mitchell, Second Artillery; Gen-eral and Mrs. Card, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Woodhull, Master J. Marshall Robinson, U. S. N.; Mrs. Crowninshield, General Burns, Miss Burns, Lieutenant Clover, Medical Director Gunnell Commodore and Mrs. Upshur and Miss Parker, Licutenant and Mrs. Selfridge, Colonel, Mrs., and Miss Cogawell, the Misses McCeney, General and Mrs. Myers and Miss Myers, General and Mrs. Ruggles, General William B. Hazen, Mrs. and Misa Hazen, the Secretary of State, Mrs. and the Misses Frelinghuysen, Miss Walte, General and Mrs. Poe, Rear-Admiral Nichols, Miss Nichols, Miss Webb, leneral Sturgis, Miss Sturgis, and many others.

the members of the various city banks—celebrated their second annual ball at Masonic Temple has night. It is needless to remark that enjoyment was above "par," and that there was no diso the dancing, the "interest" ruling very high, "Exchange" was easy and open, in fact there were several exchanges (of partners) made during the evening. The decorations used the night be-fore at the charity ball were still on the walls, and for at the charity ball were still on the walls, and the black and gold of imperial Austria, with the tricolor of France and the blue and white stripes of Old Aibion, blended harmoniously, and served to remind the observer of the perfect pance existing among the nations of the earth. The ladies toilets were very handsome and striking. The committees managed the affair admirably, and took good care of all the guests. Henry F. Bauer acted as master of ceremonies, with Fred C. Giesching and George T. Parks as assistants. The recention committee consisted of William E. Cox. H. ft. Proctor, Charles B. Dove, C. E. Flather, and binn E. Sioussa. Among others present were Mr. Robert Wade, Miss Harvey, Whs Grace Sherman of New Hampshire, Mrs. Grandeberr, Mr. Brandeberr, Mr. Cremellen, Capitai Thomason, Mr. Robert Clarvee, the Misses Liezle Giesching, Minnie Giesching, Rosa Stojnie, Annie Foller, Minnie Schaeger, Rosa Menion, Amile Hodges, Edia Jones, Leily Klesseker, Annie Foller, Minnie Giesching, Rosa Stojnie, Annie Foller, Minnie Giesching, Rosa Stojnie, Annie Foller, Minnie Giesching, Rosa Fettili, Gerrie Petitis, Mr. Red Mrs. E. G. Harbangh, Mr. and Mrs. George Mueller, Miss Cox. Miss Suale Sheriff, and Mrs. J. G. Thompson. he black and gold of imperial Austria, with the

The representatives of our moneyed interests-

The fifth night of the fair of the Uniformed Battailos, I. O. O. F., proved to be the most successful one thus far, the attendance being large and select. Many valuable articles were raffled, and the candidates for the various prizes being voted for and their numerous friends are working quietly but earnestly to win, so that the probabilities are their numerous friends are working quietly but the earnestly to win, so that the probabilities are that the voting on the last night will be very heavy. The pleasures of the evening were varied, and considerable surprise created by the introduction of a baby elephant, which made a circuit of the hall and then retired. The inventis portion of the saturalance was delighted. It is understood that this will be repeated each night hereafter. The management have decided that all coupons held by puschasers of prise tickets must be turned to only or before Tuesday night next. A few more prize tickets can be obtained if applied for immediately. The spinning-jouny appears to be the principal point of attraction. The candidates leading in the woing contexts are Knight of Pythias uniform—R. M. Browne, 32. Itather medal—Dr. J. Edwin Mason, 43. Third degree collar—L. D. Walter, 15. Past grand master's jowel—Towell Burroughs, 21. Fast grand master's jowel—Towell Burroughs, 22. Fast grand master's jowel—Towell Burroughs, 23. Buchel, 45. Geld's beauded cane—W. S. Buchly, 45. Edwin Massen—Cantral Longe, 83. Teacher's deales—C. H. Ourand, 18. Wax nowers—Mrs. Buchly, 22.

Mr. Louis B. Waite, of this city, a son of Mrs.